

STATE NEWS.

Raleigh has a public gymnasium.

The wheat prospects are generally bad.

Another brilliant hop at the Yarbrough House, in Raleigh.

Turpentine is being abandoned in Wake and Johnston counties.

The Raleigh streets, which have been heightened for some time past, are to be lighted with gas again.

A new paper to be called the *Triangle* is soon to be started at Henderson, N. C., by Prof. J. A. Hart, of Hertford.

Rev. Arch. Baker, of Farmington, Fla., has been called to Centre Presbyterian Church, at Floral County, Robeson county.

A man in Charlotte has cut off a toe to get clear of a sore and has sent the same, preserved in alcohol, to the local of the Observer.

Mr. George King has been appointed express agent at Charlotte, to succeed Mr. W. P. H. who retires on the first of February.

On Monday the Governor issued a commission for Major Wm. M. Robbins, of the Seventh Congressional District, as member of the 43d Congress.

Northern must be a lovely place at this season of the year. The *Newbern Times* calls on the city authorities to establish "winter stations" between Berry's drug store and the corner of Pollock street.

The Raleigh News says: It is rumored that Judge Thompson has issued bench warrants for the arrest of a number of prominent citizens of Caswell county on suspicion of being connected with the Stevens murder.

Richard Battle, Esq., with his mother, Mrs. E. B. Battle, and sister, Miss Clara W. Battle, left Rocky Mount for Texas on Thursday night last. They will have permanent residence in the "Lone Star State."

The Pikeville tournament is to come off on Thursday next, to conclude with a coronation ball in the evening. Col. J. T. Kennedy has been invited to deliver the charge to the Knights. W. O. Bobbitt, Esq., is the Chief Marshal.

The Raleigh Sentinel says: The body of John Hogue, a citizen of New Hope township, who mysteriously disappeared, we noticed a few days ago, has been found in a swamp. The evidence is that the young man was murdered.

The Hillsboro Recorder says: We learn that the family of Mr. M. W. Bruce, of this vicinity, is a member, has been notified of the death of a wealthy relative in England, which brings it into the possession of a large fortune.

The Goldsboro Messenger says: Our friend, E. A. Granger, is not only a success as a "cheat," but leads the life of the farmers in this section. His latest exploit is in the turnip field, in which he made fully 1,000 bushels to one acre.

The Robesonian says: William S. Frizzle has been elected Mayor of Fayetteville to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of John Bell, who has been elected to the State Auditor. Mr. Chas. Kennedy takes Mr. Frizzle's place of Commissioner.

The Goldsboro Messenger learns that Wm. Durham, of Durham, N. C., got into a fracas at Dunn's Shop, 10 miles west of Smithfield, on last Tuesday evening, which resulted in Durham being shot and killed instantly by Barber. The ball passed through the abdomen. Barber made his escape. The coroner has gone to hold the inquest.

The Wadesboro Argus says: A new warehouse building, for freight, passengers and office accommodation, is to be erected at this point, for the W. C. & R. R. Co. It will be completed in at least one week before the running of the trains here, which may possibly be by the first of April, perhaps somewhat later. But the object is to get the warehouse completed as soon as possible. The work will be paid for, in cash, as it progresses.

The Wadesboro Argus says: We are truly sorry to hear that Drs. Garrett and Matthews found it necessary to amputate the leg of Mr. W. T. Williams, near Kingsport, a few days ago. Our readers will recollect that a pair of horses had run away with Mr. Williams, near Kingsport, a few days ago, from the wagon, causing a compound fracture at the ankle joint. At last accounts he was in a critical state.

The Raleigh News says: From our correspondent at Raleigh, we learn that the death of a man in that town on Sunday night, the 26th inst., of Mrs. Fanny Tate, wife of Mr. C. Tate, Esq., and daughter of Henry F. Bond, Esq., formerly of Kinston, this State. Also, on yesterday morning, Dr. Samuel Tate, one of the oldest and most worthy and useful citizens of the place, died in Morganton from the effects of a paralytic stroke that he had some five years ago.

The Hillsboro Recorder, in speaking of the origin of its town, says: Our town, sunk too low for picturesque effect, lies at the foot of the Occochee mountain. In the swampy nature of the west, they would not draw attention, but a traveler from the dead levels of the east throws up his eyes in admiration of a grand scene of elevation to which he is not accustomed. Under such views, the former territorial Governor of North Carolina came up to Hillsboro'. He has passed down to history as Governor Tryon, and is remembered in historical chronicles as the man who, with Miss Esther Wake, the sister of his wife, he ascended what we know as the "Old Fort Mountain," and she was so much struck with the beauty of the landscape, and the resemblance to familiar scenes in her Irish home, that she exclaimed to her guide, "Oh! how much this reminds me of my Hillsboro' home." "Then," remarked the Governor, "I shall order it to be called Hillsboro'." and the old name of Hillsboro' has been at once dropped by imperial edict.

The ruggedness of the place has no connection with the name, and as Lord Hillsborough was made Secretary of State for the colonies in 1765, two years after the name was given to Hillsboro', his name, which has been suggested as its origin is out of place.

The Milton Chronicle says: Basil Lee, the oldest colored man in the county, being in his 100th year, was killed in this county, while he was burning brush in a new ground near a tree some men felled with him. They hallooed at him and told him to get out of the way. He, rather deaf, he did not hear them, and the tree fell on him and killed him. He was a former slave of Gen. Washington and was a good man.

Gen. Washington gave him his choice to live with him at Mt. Vernon or be sold. He preferred being sold, and was sold to Richard Smith, of the block and was bought by a member of the Lee family in this county, and has remained in that family ever since.

LEGISLATURE OF NORTH CAROLINA.

SENATE.

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 29, 1873.

PETITIONS AND MEMORIALS.

By Mr. Long, a petition from the citizens of Richmond county, praying for the enactment of a law to prevent the yearly gathering known as the Scotch Fair in said county.

By Mr. Humphrey, a bill to aid the people of the State in ascertaining the title to their lands. Referred.

By Mr. Guinger, a bill to investigate the affairs of the Western Division of the Western North Carolina Railroad. Referred.

By Mr. Allen, a bill to amend chapter 186 of laws of 1860-61. Referred.

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Public Treasurer to pay to the counties of Edgecombe, Brunswick and Northampton, respectively, certain monies from the school fund. Referred.

INDIAN AFFAIRS—THE QUAKERS.

Mr. Worth called up, under a suspension of the rules, the House resolution respecting the Quakers, and in the Western North Carolina Railroad Company, defendants, and for this purpose requiring the Treasurer to give an appeal bond. Referred.

By Mr. Blythe, a bill in regard to the fees of officers in civil cases. Referred.

By Mr. Stanford, a bill to prohibit the sale of liquor near certain Churches in Duplin county. Referred.

By Mr. Godfrey, a bill in regard to the keeping up of public highways, ferries, &c. Referred.

The bill to repeal chapter 199, laws of 1871-72—the General Incorporation Act—was taken up as the special order for this hour (11:30).

Mr. McGee thought that if the law ought not to be repealed, it should be greatly modified. He moved to postpone until Thursday next.

After a considerable debate, Mr. McGee's motion to postpone was adopted.

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Atlantic, Tennessee and Ohio Railroad Company, asking a change of charter.

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